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CHILDS
1951

RED-THROATED LOON
Gavia stellata

June 28 Point Barrow, Alaska

We saw a great splashing on a marsh S of camp and were surprised to see a pair of Pac. Loons fighting with a pair of these birds. They were not as wary as the Pacifics but flew before we got near.

June 29 a pair in the same area.

July 7 We found a nest (c=2) on a tussock in the middle of a pool 25' across .5 W of camp.

Childs
1955

Gavia stellata

July 4 Point Barrow, Alaska
Several at Nuwuk

Childs
1957

Gavia stellata

June 10 Mouth Pitmegea River, Alaska
One calling

June 15 Pitmegea River, Cape Sabine, Alaska
a pair on a pot-hole W of camp must be nesting.

June 18 Found nest, no eggs 1415

June 19 Nest has one egg 1430.

20 June " still " " " 2330. Eskimo shot 3 at river mouth.

21 June 2200 Two eggs in nest. Loon stayed in pond, body mainly submerged and head stretched out flat along water surface. Flew after I passed by.

28 June Have found a nest on every puddle or lake 25' along or larger. This bird is the only water bird nesting in abundance near camp.

7 July 2 nests, 30' apart in one pond across river near mouth

10 July Three pairs at Thetis Creek

24 July Pitmegea River, 7 mi SE Cape Sabine, Alaska
this was the first point on our way downstream that we saw these birds and they were [illegible] the rest of the way home.

16 Aug Pitmegea River, Cape Sabine, Alaska
Many times in the last two weeks the 3+ pairs of loons have performed their flight song or pair re-inforcement song in a loosely organized flock. One gives a [illegible] quack while the other gives a mallard-like call.

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Childs
1958

Gavia stellata

30 May Pitmegea River, Cape Sabine, Alaska
Several seen in flight. Flight call given.

1 June Same. Not as abundant as last year.

3 June When sun came out in the evening watched courtship display in a group of 5 birds on the river. It was a most interesting performance. The birds straighten their bodies at about 60° sinking so only a little white of the breast shows and proceed to race around in this position. At first 3 of the 5 were involved but finally only two kept at it. ~~If~~ It looked like two head waiters racing for a tip!

5 June Courting by 5 on river but did not watch as on my way to trap lines.

7 June Pair flushed from pond where they nested last year.

11 June Pair flushed from pond in center of Loon Marsh several times lately.

18 July Pitmegea River, 7 mi SE Cape Sabine, Alaska
Shot a ♀ and a Pintail with one shot on a small pond 60'x 20' and found that she had a nest with one egg. She had large follicle 30mm so must have just started.

Childs
1958

G. stellata

29 July Pitmegea River, Cape Sabine, Alaska
Perhaps 20 in the estuary and alone
by out sea. Calling frequently.
9 Aug 9 near mouth of river.

Childs 1959

Gavia stellata

29 June Pitmegea River, Cape Sabine, Alaska
Pair nesting in loon marsh but not in same pond as last two years. Old nest used however, rebuilt. Nathan has located many nests in his hikes. 4 nests in ponds across river.

12 July Pitmegea River, 7 mi SE Cape Sabine, Alaska
A pair on pond upstream.

17 July Wainwright, Alaska
Pair heard calling over marsh.

22 July Meade River Coal Mine, Alaska
Heard calling.

31 July Pitmegea River, Cape Sabine, Alaska
Nest on plot 1 successful and both young there. Bill has found several others on very small ponds.

7 Aug 2 downy young with adults seen on river. Probably from pond back of cabin where nest was located. Pond no larger than 40 x 20'.

Childs
1960

Gavia stellata

28 May Pitmegea River, Cape Sabine, Alaska
One flew over tundra calling. First seen

Childs
1963

Gavia stellata

16 June Wainwright, Alaska
Several pairs on marsh. Flight song heard.

5 July Barrow, Alaska
Very few seen this year.

CHILDS
1951

Pacific Loon
Gavia arctica

June 18 Point Barrow, Alaska
One flew back & forth between LE & LW.
June 19 3 on marsh
June 21 Pair on stream S of marsh
June 28 See R.T. Loon.
July 4 Rose took a ♀ S of camp towards the village
July 14 We saw a bird on a nest in area where I got the Spectacled Eider.
July 19 We checked nest and found 2 eggs
Aug 6 East Oumalik, 110 mi SSE Barrow, Alaska
A pair of Pacific Loons were seen on the lake and their behavior and calls compared with the Yellow-billed Loon. The pair remained together despite my chasing in a canoe and they gave a harsh guttural note regularly that contrasted strongly with the melodious laugh of the other species. As they dove they gave a high pitched squeak as if expelling air from the air sacs. They easily outswam & outdove me in the canoe and almost appeared to enjoy the chase. They are much smaller than adamsii.

Childs
1955

Gavia arctica

June 28 Point Barrow, Alaska
One flying and calling near live plot #2.
June 29 Many (10±) seen at point at 2100.
July 6 Atkasuk, Meade River, Alaska
2 calling over marsh
July 8 one flew overhead.
July 15 Wainwright Alaska
a lot of calling over marsh to east.
Aug 8 Point Barrow, Alaska
Found a loon at Birnirk with a green throat. It was in too bad shape to save the whole skin. so I saved only the head and measurements. I cannot be sure from Bailey whether it is this or viridigularis.

Childs
1957

Gavia ~~pacifica~~ arctica

June 15 Pitmegea River, Cape Sabine, Alaska

10 or more on river or in flight

June 19 3 in flight.

30 June 4 on ocean off river mouth.

10 July One seen off shore near Thetis Creek

24 July Pitmegea River, 12 mi SE Cape Sabine, Alaska

2 pairs seen on lakes, these being much bigger than anything to the north. No Red-throats seen

childs
1958

Gavia arctica

12 June Pitmegea River, Cape Sabine, Alaska
5 seen in lead off river mouth ½ mile
24 June Several seen offshore.
17 July Pitmegea River, 12 mi SE Cape Sabine, Alaska
2 seen on U shaped lake.
18 July Pitmegea River, 7 mi SE Cape Sabine, Alaska
again on the lakes
29 July Pitmegea River, Cape Sabine, Alaska
Found a dead one at the mouth of the river — made skeleton.

Childs
1959

Gavia arctica

26 June Pitmegea River, Cape Sabine, Alaska
One seen at mouth of river

12 July Pitmegea River, 7 mi SE Cape Sabine, Alaska
Nest with 2 eggs found on floating peat on oval lake downstream.

Childs
1963

Gavia arctica

10 July Bernard River, Banks Island, N.W.T., Canada

One seen flying over large lake north of camp.

20 July Barrow, Alaska

One seen on Ikroavik.

CHILDS
1951

Yellow-billed Loon
Gavia adamsii

Aug 6 East Oumalik, 110 mi SSE Barrow, Alaska

Mayer and I came upon a flock of 10 birds of this species on the lake. These birds are very large, making the Pacific Loon look small in comparison. They, like the other loons, are very wary and did not allow very close approach. Their call is a melodius who-who-ooo sounding like a laugh or a powerful Screech Owl. Several times during our stay we ~~were~~ awakened at night by their calling which came from the river 1/4 mile away and which sounded as if they were in a puddle behind the wannigan!

Aug 20 Point Barrow, Alaska

The eskimos have occasionally been seen with these birds, apparently taken inland. We have seen none within the Barrow region proper.

Childs
1955

Gavia adamsii

July 16 Wainwright, Alaska
Saw several along the coast & out in the ice offshore.

July 26 Point Barrow, Alaska
2 flew over area back of lab at 1600

July 27 1 on the salt lagoon

July 31 Many reports & records due, I suspect, to the ice being close to shore

Childs
1957

Gavia adamsii

June 10 Agiak Lagoon, Near Beaufort, Alaska
One in flight.

June 15 Pitmegea River, Cape Sabine, Alaska
4 seen in flight.

26 June one flew over the sand spit.

Childs
1958

Gavia adamsii

28 May **Wainwright, Alaska**

At 3 a.m. at a whaling camp we were thrilled to see a spectacular flight of these magnificent birds. The first flock was composed of about 100 silent birds spread out over about a ¼ mile. About 10 minutes later another larger group came over calling with a peculiar trilling melodious song much like White-fronted geese. After these two large flights, fewer birds came along. However, the flight continued for most of an hour. They flew over quite low and although many shots were fired by us and the Eskimos none were collected. They are quite arrogant bird, not veering to one side when we moved or on sighting the tent.

12 June **Ptarmigan River, Cape Sabine, Alaska**

One flew over us on ice headed north.

20 June 5 King Loons flew over the tent at 0900.

24 June 1 seen offshore from lagoon.

Childs
1960

Gavia adamsii

28 May Pitmegea River, Cape Sabine, Alaska
2 seen in ice off river.

Childs
1957

Podiceps
~~Colymbus~~ grisegena

June 10 Cape Beaufort, Alaska

a breeding plumaged male seen on one of the nearby lagoons.

Childs 1958

Podiceps
~~Colymbus~~ grisegena

16 July Pitmegea River, 12 miles SE Cape Sabine, Alaska

One was seen on the west lake of the pair. It was resting in the grass at the edge when flushed

Childs 1958

Phalacrocorax pelagicus

9 June Pitmegea River, Cape Sabine, Alaska

One seen in lead about 1/2 mile off the river in the ice

24 June 2 seen drying wings on ice offshore

CHILDS
1951

Great Blue Heron

Aug 9 Point Barrow, Alaska

Thompson and Rose flushed one from the dump which flew towards Birnick. As they are familiar with the bird at home and are good observers, there is no reason to doubt the identification. This is an apparent new record for the arctic slope

CHILDS
1951

White-fronted Goose
Anser albifrons

June 13 Point Barrow, Alaska
One flew over LE in the a.m.
July 3 Wiggins reported 10 ~~seen~~ seen twice on lake near his transect on Elson Lagoon.

Anser albifrons

Childs
1958

23 May Wainwright, Alaska
One lone bird flew over the Village as we arrived at the school house.

28 May Saw several scattered pairs on return trip to Barrow.

Childs
1957

Philacte canagica

June 10 Send of Kasegaluk Lagoon, Alaska
Flock of 5 seen twice from plane

June 17 Pitmegea River, Cape Sabine, Alaska
a flock of 5 rested on bar north of camp and across the river.

20 June Eskimos shot some up the coast.

CHILDS
1951

SNOW GOOSE
Chen hyperborea

June 15 Point Barrow, Alaska

Frank saw one on the marsh.

June 25 35 flew over S of camp in a.m.; another flock in p.m. smaller in number.

Childs
1955

Chen hyperborea

June 29 Point Barrow, Alaska
a flock of 30± flying W. over line plot 2

Childs
1957

Chen hyperborea

24 June Pitmegea River, Cape Sabine, Alaska
a pair flew in and landed on sand spit.
30 June " " in same area, flew W along coast
2 July Cantlon scared 9 snow geese when he opened tent
this morning.

Childs
1958

Chen hyperborea

30 May Pitmegea River, Cape Sabine, Alaska
Flock of 10 seen twice in the evening
31 May See alopex. Flock of 4 seen near beach.
3 June Pete saw 2 at river's mouth.
20 June One sleeping with 2 B. canadensis at Falcon Rock.

Childs
1960

Chen hyperborea

26 May Pitmega River, Cape Sabine, Alaska
2 flocks of 10± frightened up by planes
27 May 5 near pond at mouth of river.
28 May a pair near the ponds and a flock of 7 on ridge across the river seen today
30 May Flock of 10 on west marsh.
June 1 Several hundred on Tundra up river.

Childs
1963

Chen hyperboreus

12 July Banks Island, NWT, Canada

Very numerous between Sachs and Bernard River. Flocks of 50-100 flightless birds seen, many with goslings. None seen near Bernard River.

Childs
1957

Branta canadensis

June 15 Pitmegea River, Cape Sabine, Alaska

a pair seen twice in flight up the river. May have been the same pair.

20 June 4 flew upriver.

22 June 2 very small geese landed on the bar. These appeared smaller than the Emperors seen in same spot a week ago and certainly much smaller than the geese seen earlier. I thought they were Brant at first.

25 June Pair flew over at 1630

8 July With Merle taking an adult ♀ and 3 downy young about 1 mile up the river, this bird is added to the breeding list. The male got away as did one chick. These must be the birds noted above but where did they nest? Certainly not in the area shown on the map but farther up the river.

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Childs
1958

Branta canadensis

10 June Pitmegea River, Cape Sabine, Alaska

Pete shot one on our bar. I got it on the bank near the coal mine. There were 3 others.

19 June a pair on bar near Falcon Rock.

Childs
1960

Branta canadensis

30 May Pitmegea River, Cape Sabine, Alaska
Two seen over marsh.

CHILDS
1951

BLACK BRANT
Branta nigricans

June 13 Point Barrow, Alaska
Several small groups flew over today on the transect areas
June 14 Flock of 50± in open water along spit on way to the point.
June 16 2 flocks of 7 flew over LE in the morning.
July 4 30 flew over S of ARL
July 7 a pair on lake N of LE.
Aug 20 Large flocks have been passing over Birnirk in the last 10 days. A fairly good estimate could probably be made of the total number of Brant here.

Childs
1955

Branta bernicula

July 16 Wainwright, Alaska
a flock of 8 seen flying N.

Childs
1957

Branta nigricans

June 10 Enroute to Wainwright, Alaska
many pairs and some flocks seen to
the south.

30 June Pitmegea River, Cape Sabine, Alaska
One lone bird on flats, appeared sick but could not
get it.

Childs
1958

Branta nigricans

30 May — Pitmegea River, Cape Sabine, Alaska

Flock of 35 headed NW in evening.

3 June — Pete saw 2 at river's mouth.

9 June — saw 3 + collected one at the river's mouth

12 June — One near pond at river mouth.

24 June — a flock 13 + 5 seen offshore

Childs
1959

Branta nigricans

Pt. Barrow, Alaska

Numbers seen near the meade & mouth of Colville.

Childs
1963

Branta nigricans

21 June Barrow, Alaska

Steve collected 2, one c̄ broodpatch in the Brower Meadow lake area.

Childs
1957

Olor columbiana

June 10 10± miles S of Wainwright, Alaska
a pair seen from the plane.

Childs
1958

Olor columbianus

7 June Pitmegea River, Cape Sabine, Alaska
a pair of swans flew over camp and rested most of the day on the large pond across the river

CHILDS
1951

Baldpate
Mareca americana

July 10 Umiat, Alaska
Gil + I watched ♀ with at least 5 downy young give distraction display for a dog up + down a slough.

Childs
1958

Mareca americana

9 June Pitmegea River, Cape Sabine, Alaska
Saw one fly up river near mouth.

Childs
1959

Mareca americana

26 June Pitmegea River, Cape Sabine, Alaska
Mother reports a ♀ nesting past 2nd Ridge

Childs
1939

Spatula clypeata

25 June ~~Pitmegea River~~, Cape Sabine, Alaska
A pair flew over our boat near river mouth.
29 June a flock of 15± flew over cabin.

CHILDS
1951

Pintail
Anas acuta

June 16 Point Barrow, Alaska
There was a flock of 6-10 on the open water in the south marsh.

June 18 10+ on marsh a.m.

June 19 50± " " p.m.

June 22 They have not been present on the marsh since the ice went out + drained the marsh on the 20th

June 25 Rose reported finding nest, clutch 8, May be misidentified (Later checked and verified as Pintail)

July 10 Umiat, 400 ft., Alaska
I flushed a ♀ on one of the small ponds.

Aug 6 East Oumalik, 110 mi SSE Barrow, Alaska
A pair flew over us on the lake

Childs
1955

Anas acuta

June 27 Point Barrow, Alaska
4 on the fresh water lake.
July 2 McNab's nest is apparently deserted.
Aug 5 Shot one ♀ in grass in pond NW of gasoline ridge. Was unable to retrieve specimen

Childs
1957

Anas acuta

June 10 Enroute to Wainwright, Alaska
Many seen in lagoons to the south
June 11 Wainwright, Alaska
One seen in flight over marsh.
June 15 Pitmegea River, Cape Sabine, Alaska
2 on the river; flock of 25 flew over.
June 17 2 on marsh.
20 June several seen up river
26 June Flock of 10 flew up river at 2200
10 July a ♀ is definitely nesting in area west of town marsh. We have seen her several times now. a flock of 25 flew west off shore in varying plumage
12 July 3 ♀ over marsh.
24 July Pitmegea River, 12 mi SE Cape Sabine, Alaska
We got one juvenile from a brood of 7 on the ponds to the west of the river. These ponds are perhaps 1000-1500 ft long with a well developed floating peat bog along one edge, a rather interesting spot.

7/24 2686 ♀ juv

8/13 2720 ♂ im 757 e

Anas acuta

Childs
1958

30 May Pitmegea River, Cape Sabine, Alaska
A pair seen several times and appear to be nesting in study area.
31 May 3 males seen pursuing one female.
1 June Flushed a ♀ from nest w/7 eggs near stream (200'+ from water). Single male seen earlier. Saw 2 males pursuing ♀ very high over river calling and males appear to try and dominate ♀ by causing her to change direction of flight.
2 June Several seen on the marsh.
4 June These ducks are definitely more abundant this year.
7 June a flock of 7 ♂ seen on West marsh
11 June Flushed 2♂ + ♀ along T_5.
24 June 8 feeding with green-winged teal on lagoon.
8 July Pitmegea River, 16 mi SE Cape Sabine, Alaska
A ♀ very anxious was seen on the two ponds.
13 July ♀ with 7 ducklings seen on pond up the North fork.
16 July a nearly grown young was being eaten by the Rough-leg Hawk at the nest.
18 July ~~Pitmegea River, 7 mi SE Cape Sabine, Alaska~~
Shot a fully molting ♀ and a Red-throated Loon! ~~with~~ one shot on a small pond
9 Aug Pitmegea River, Cape Sabine Alaska
7 pintails + a curlew seen ~~[illegible]~~

Childs
1959

Anas acuta

16 Jun Barrow, Alaska
a ♀ seen near 15th area.
17 Jun Oliktok Point, Alaska
Flock of 12 flew over.
25 Jun Pitmegea River, Cape Sabine, Alaska
2 pairs on river near mouth. Several females seen over tundra in last several days.
28 Jun Caught a juvenile in a trap and saw ♀ with 5 others, the gal gave a very determined broken wing distraction display.
12 July Pitmegea River, 7 mi SE Cape Sabine, Alaska
Flushed several single females in marsh
18 July Wainwright, Alaska
a ♀ flushed in high polygons
29 July Meade River Coal Mine, Alaska
2 ♀♀ seen flying over.
1 Aug Pitmegea River, Cape Sabine, Alaska
Flushed one from pond on Loon Marsh
7 Aug 25 at estuary.

Childs
1960

anas acuta

28 May Pitmegea River, Cape Sabine, Alaska
Three seen in flight headed upstream.

Childs
1963

Anas acuta

16 June Wainwright, Alaska

Several seen acting like settled birds.

5 July Barrow, Alaska

A few individuals, generally ♀'s still around. No nests have been reported to me this year.

20 July 4 in eclipse plumage seen near Ihroaik

31 July Pitmegea River, Cape Sabine, Alaska

♀ c̄ 3 juv seen on Loon Marsh

Childs
1957

Anas carolinensis

June 17 Pitmegea River, Cape Sabine, Alaska

Flushed a pair of small ducks which I took to be ~~these~~ species from Loon Marsh..

Childs 1958

Anas carolinensis

24 Jun Ptarmigan River, Cape Sabine, Alaska

One feeding with 8 ♀ pintails on lagoon

Childs
1958

Greater Scaup Duck
Aythya marila

24 June Pitmegea River, Cape Sabine, Alaska

Saw 3 at the river mouth when we saw the Beluga.

CHILDS
1951

Steller's Eider
Polysticta stelleri

June 15 Point Barrow Alaska
Saw a flock of 10 in a pond south of the village on a trip with Schiller.

June 16 At least 3 on the marsh, one ♀ of which Gil shot with a half-load & we did not get.

June 17 2 pair in a flock on marsh displaying among each other with head bowing

June 18 Flock 10+ on marsh in a.m.

June 22 Flocks of 6-10 are commonly seen on the marsh displaying with head bobbing. We watched them dabble & tip-up while feeding yesterday.

June 27 21 on LE; pair in marsh, between LE & LW looking sexy

July 3 A flock of 10 ♀'s were on LE

Aug 20 Some rather large migrating flocks seen over Birnirk in the last week.

Childs
1955

Polysticta stelleri

June 25 Point Barrow, Alaska
again seen in flight near salt lagoon.

Childs
1957

Polysticta stelleri

June 11 Wainwright, Alaska
a pair with ♂ displaying seen in marsh east of village.

22 June, Pitmegea River, Cape Sabine, Alaska
Eskimos brought in 2 males

2 July 10 resting on spit at river mouth.

18 July 25± on lagoon at Thetis Creek

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Childs
1959

Polysticta stelleri

25 June Pitmegea River, Cape Sabine, Alaska
about 25 ♂♂ + 1 ♀ on island near mouth of river. Several males actively courting ♀ with great head bobbing by both sexes.

4 July Many at sand spit.

Childs
1963

Polysticta stelleri

16 June Wainwright, Alaska

2 pairs on ponds near T_3.

5 July Barrow, Alaska

See Pomarine Jaeger. Dave collected a pair.

20 July ♀ c̄ 6 small young W of Voth area

24 July about 50 ♀ & 2 ♂ on fresh lake

11 August Wainwright, Alaska

♀ c̄ 3 ½ grown young were seen in small pond near T_1 this morning.

CHILDS
1951

SPECTACLED EIDER
Arctonetta fischeri

June 28 Point Barrow, Alaska.
One was asleep on a tussock in a marsh SW of camp. We were down wind & succeeded in sneaking up on it. I shot it with a 9 & a #5 and it flew away. We followed & Frank hit it with a 6. ~~[illegible]~~ I made a skeleton of it.

July 13 One ♂ with 4 ♀ on west side of marsh.
July 20 the 4 ♀'s were present in the same area but no ♂.

Childs
1957

<u>Arctonetta fischeri</u>

<u>10 July Pitmegea River, Cape Sabine, Alaska</u>

A ♂ in molt was resting on beach when I returned from Thetis Creek about 1 mi W of Pitmegea.

Childs
1958

Arctonetta fischeri
~~Somateria~~

26 May Wainwright, Alaska
Eskimos shot one male of a pair that flew over whaling camp. In another there was one male among 51 King Eiders.

2 June Pitmegea River, Cape Sabine, Alaska
Pete shot a ♂ at the river's mouth. No female was seen

12 June Shot at a ♀ out in the ice

24 June One mottled bird seen at river mouth.

Childs
1963

Lampronetta fischeri

20 July Barrow, Alaska

Dick collected one of two females seen near FootPrint Lake

CHILDS
1951

KING EIDER
Somateria spectabilis

June 13 Point Barrow, Alaska
I collected a ♂ sitting alone on the marsh south of the first ridge.

June 14 Flock of 6 ♂ flew over the point this morning

June 28 Pair on Salt Pond SW of camp.

June 29 A pair in the same area.

July 16 a flock of 150 flew over ♀♂

Aug 20 My records of counts at Birnirk are primarily concerned with this species

Childs
1955

Somateria spectabilis

June 27 Point Barrow, Alaska
a flock of 12-15 flew over the lab.
June 29 Collected a male at the point.
July 18 Wainwright, Alaska
Flock of 25 going north
July 31 Point Barrow, Alaska
Large flocks moving southwest now

Childs
1957

Somateria spectabilis

24 June Pitmegea River, Cape Sabine, Alaska

A pair were resting on the sand spit.

10 July A few at Thetis Creek

15 Aug A pair seen resting on the beach.

Childs
1958

Somateria spectabilis

22 May Barrow, Alaska

We found one dead of starvation on the tundra near the Voth area. Others have been found and reported by the Eskimos near the Inara.

23 May Several flocks reported flying along shore. I saw one flock of 300 miles on the way to the Village.

26 May Wainwright, Alaska

Eskimos shot 51 at one whaling camp 10 miles offshore. We saw many flocks, few having more than 100 individuals

17 June Pitmegea River Cape Sabine, Alaska

a flock of about 10 were asleep on the sand bar at the mouth of the river.

24 June Flock of 20+ offshore

Childs
1959

Somateria spectabilis

4 July Pitmegia River, Cape Sabine, Alaska
a flock of perhaps a dozen resting in lee of sandspit.

Childs
1960

Somateria spectabilis

23 May | Barrow, Alaska

5 flocks totaling around 1000 individuals passed low over central marsh at 1430.

Childs
1963

Somateria spectabilis

12 July Bernard River, Banks Island, N.W.T., Canada
One ♀ on nest very close to camp.

CHILDS 1951

COMMON } EIDER
PACIFIC }

Somateria mollissima

June 28 Point Barrow, Alaska
We have seen these species in flocks flying overhead irregularly since arrival. So far we have been unable to distinguish which species

Aug. 17 Tom Cain brought in a ♂ in eclipse plumage that he picked up along the beach. It had apparently starved to death judging from the condition of the pectoral muscles and the lack of fat. The plumage of the neck + head are remarkably different from the breeding plumage and give the bird an appearance of a white-fronted goose. It is interesting how much people will believe when you keep a straight face

[or how credulous others can be when you keep a straight face!]

Childs
1957

Somateria mollissima

10 July Thetis Creek, 7 mi W. Cape Sabine, Alaska
One full plumaged ♂ seen off shore.

Childs
1958

Somateria mollissima

1 July Pitmegea River, Cape Sabine, Alaska

a flock of 15+ flew by the river mouth this p.m.

29 July a flock of 75 in various stages of molt were resting on the sea side of the bar at the mouth of the river.

Childs
1959

Somateria mollissima

26 June Pitmegea River, Cape Sabine, Alaska
a flock of 12 at mouth of river.
1 July about 6 at " " "
31 July One ♀ nesting at spit.

Childs 1957

Histrionicus histrionicus

June 15 Pitmegea River, Cape Sabine, Alaska

3 seen flying up river and 1 down. Bailey does not record them north of the arctic circle

June 17 A pair on river N of camp.

20 June Harry Brower said Eskimos at river mouth shot 2.

22 July Pitmegea River, 20± miles SE Cape Sabine, Alaska

Two swam ahead of the boat just out of range but we could not get them.

23 July Pitmegea River, 15 miles SE Cape Sabine, Alaska

Got another shot but missed. Merle has done all the shooting. Collected a juvenile, I hope, of this species.

24 July Pitmegea River, 10 mi SE Cape Sabine, Alaska

Tried several times for another ♀. Caught one in a little bay where it apparently couldn't take off but we didn't realize this until too late. It ran across the bar to the river and although splattered twice with 12 ga. got away.

7/23 2674? jim

Childs
1958

Histrionicus histrionicus

3 June Pitmegea River, Cape Sabine, Alaska
a pair flew downstream
6 June 3 pairs flew up river this evening. Pete said he saw 7 at the river mouth. He calls them the "helicopter" ducks.
9 June Collected a ♀ out in the ice off the river. A number (6?) of pairs were seen.
10 June Pete got a ♂.
11 June ♂ flew down river
12 June Several seen off river mouth
8 July Pitmegea River, 16 miles SE Cape Sabine, Alaska
2 ♀♀ seen at cliff downstream.
18 July Pitmegea River, 7 mi SE Cape Sabine, Alaska
One ♀ seen on river.

Childs
1959

Histrionicus histrionicus

25 June Pitmegea River, Cape Sabine, Alaska

One ♂ seen flying in ice offshore.

7 Aug Flock of 7 ♀ at estuary.

Childs
1957

Melanitta fusca

24 July Pitmegea River, 12 mi SE Cape Sabine, Alaska

Flushed a ♀ on the river which flow to the ponds where we got several good looks at it and several poor shots!

Childs
1958

Melanitta perspicillata

12 June Pitmegea River, Cape Sabine, Alaska
A pair were seen off river mouth between shore and ice.
24 June a flock of 15 at river mouth.
8 July Pitmegea River, 16 miles SE Cape Sabine, Alaska
One ♀ with 2 White-wing Scoters on ponds
16 July Still present on lakes.

Childs
1959

Melanitta perspicillata

25 June Pitmegea River, Cape Sabine, Alaska
2 ♂ seen resting on river near island at mouth
1 July | Two flocks of about 15 seen off river in ice
4 July | about 10 present

childs
1958

Melanitta fusca

31 May Pitmegea River, Cape Sabine, Alaska
again flew up river in a.m.

12 June a flock of 3♂ and 2♀ at river mouth.

8 July Pitmegea River, 16 miles SE Cape Sabine, Alaska
2♀♀ seen with a ♀ Surf Scoter on ponds. Shot one and broke wing but could not get it as it could still dive.

Childs
1959

Melanitta ~~fusca~~ deglandi

1 July Pitmegea River, Cape Sabine, Alaska
two females flew over cabin in p.m.
4 July a ♀ seen with 3 Am. Scoters.

Childs
1959

Oidemia nigra

25 June Pitmegea River, Cape Sabine, Alaska

3 ♀ were seen resting in estuary in late p.m

29 June 2 ♀ at island — maybe I hit one after all!

4 July all 3 ♀ + 1 ♀ white-wing Scoter present.

CHILDS
1951

Old Squaw
Clangula hyemalis

June 13 Point Barrow, Alaska.
2 flocks of 10 flew over Elson Transect in the morning. A pair was in the open water south of the first ridge all morning.
June 14 Flocks of 50 common over point
June 16 Common on the marsh with pintails
June 18 2 on LE
June 25 Several on fresh water lake between road & sea for last 4-5 days
July 2 Gil + I found a nest, c=8, on a hummock in the can dump back of ARL. Nest lined with black down with light centers
July 15 Checked above nest, only 6 eggs. ♀ on nest and allowed me to approach within 3 ft. of here. Eggs covered with down. ♀ has very small white area thru eye.
July 20 ♀ still incubating. I got some good close up shots of her on the nest. Gil checks my original count of 8 — where did the 2 eggs go? Old-squaws are common on the fresh water pond.
July 23 Eggs still not hatched at 1400, 2100.
July 28 The situation at the nest during the last 3 days is as follows.

7/26 1300 2 eggs ~~pipped~~ pipped
2000 " " with small holes.
7/27 1330 1 young hatched, banded; 1 dead, partly out of egg. 1 young coming out of egg, chirping in egg
1830 young left nest; one dead; one just hatched, not dry-

Old-SQUAW
Clangula hyemalis

July 28 Point Barrow, Alaska

1800 con't ~~Eggs~~ Eggs and young covered with down lissing.

7/28 Nest deserted; 1 young dead; 1 young still in egg, dead.
3 eggs cold, showing no development.

Aug. 6 East Aumalik, 110 mi. SSE Barrow, Alaska

A group of 8 were seen on the lake and only by very close approach and gun-fire were we able to get one of them to fly a short distance. I imagine that they were in molt.

Aug 20 Point Barrow, Alaska

Small numbers of the species have been regular in occurrence on Elson Lagoon

Childs
1955

Clangula hyemalis

June 26 Point Barrow, Alaska
Flock of 50 on the fresh water lake.
July 5 Atkasouk, Meade River, Alaska
Several seen on the small ponds near camp.
July 15 Wainwright, Alaska
Flocks common along the shore

Childs
1957

Clangula hyemalis

June 10 Enroute to Wainwright, Alaska
May seen in lagoons
June 15 Pitmegea River, Cape Sabine, Alaska
An adult male seen flying up river.
20 June 3 at river mouth
26 June 10 at river mouth. One flew up river at 2200
2 July 50± at river mouth. Yesterday a chick came peeping thru camp and I chased and caught it on the other side of the river. On the way back it jumped out of the boat and dove so I could not catch it — a merry chase with John Cantlon watching. The birds at the river mouth are in all stages of plumage, some with white heads as well as eye patches.
10 July about 40 at Thetis Creek
24 July Pitmegea River, 12 mi SE Cape Sabine, Alaska
a ♀ with several young seen on the ponds to the west of the river.

6/30	2619	♂	812
	20	♀	687
	21	♀	701

Childs
1958

Clangula hyemalis

26 May Wainwright, Alaska
Many flocks migrating over the rough ice 10 miles offshore.

1 June Pitmegea River, Cape Sabine, Alaska
a pair seen flying up river.

2 June Several pairs flew up river. a large flock heard high overhead on the marsh.

4 June Pair acting "nesty" on pond near 6 M in Loon Marsh.

5 June Same.

9 June Common in ice off river.

12 June Same

24 June Many offshore. a pair acting nesty on pond near river mouth.

1 July 50+ at river mouth.

8 July Pitmegea River, 16 mi SE Cape Sabine, Alaska
4 on river near ponds.

29 July Pitmegea River, Cape Sabine, Alaska
4, apparently flightless in estuary, others offshore — not numerous

Childs
1959

Clangula hyemalis

16 June Barrow, Alaska
Several seen
18 June Pair in drum area
20 June Pitmegea River, Cape Sabine, Alaska
A pair landed on the river upstream
25 June about 200 seen at mouth of river
5 July Same
11 July Pitmegea River, 7 mi SE Cape Sabine, Alaska
a ♀ with 7 young seen in a small pond.
31 July Pitmegea River, Cape Sabine, Alaska
Probably less than 20 at estuary.
7 Aug 3 at estuary.

Childs
1960

Clangula hyemalis

28 May Pitmegea River, Cape Sabine, Alaska
Several hundred at mouth of river in the ice.

Childs
1963

Clangula hyemalis

16 June Wainwright, Alaska
Pairs common on the ponds.

5 July Barrow, Alaska
7 on fresh water lake. No nests reported this year.

11 July Bernard River, Banks Island, N.W.T., Canada
One flew over lake SW of camp.

Childs
1957

Mergus serrator

June 18 Pitmegea River, Cape Sabine, Alaska
a pair seen down the river.
20 June 4 near camp on river. Flew upstream.
24 June 10 on bar opposite cabin with 6 R.T. loons
26 June 2 flew up river at 2200
29 June 3 flew by near Falcon Rock
30 June 21 at river mouth.
2 July 20 at river mouth.
10 July 20± flying along coast 1 mile W Pitmegea R.
Probably same flock that has been hanging around

Childs
1958

Mergus serrator

3 June Pitmegea River, Cape Sabine, Alaska
Pete saw a ♂ come in to a pond with 2 Pintails. On realizing its mistake, it left.

8 June A pair flew over head going up river.

9 June Saw one out in ice off river.

12 June a ♀ seen at river mouth.

17 June 2 pairs + a single ♀ at estuary and near cabin.

24 June a number at the river mouth.

1 July Merle shot 2 with 22 hornet but we could not get either one at mouth of river

29 July Pitmegea River, Cape Sabine, Alaska
Missed a shot at 4 ♀♀.

Childs
1959

Mergus serrator

25 June Pitmegea River, Cape Sabine, Alaska

3 pairs resting on river near island at mouth.

1 July a dozen at river's mouth

4 July a few at river mouth

5 July 5 (2♂♂ + 3♀♀) flew upstream past camp.

Childs
1960

Mergus serrator

26 May Pitmegea River, Cape Sabine, Alaska
One male flew up stream.

Childs
1958

Circus ~~hudsonius~~ cyaneus

18 Aug — Ptarmigan River, Cape Sabine, Alaska

A marsh hawk soared along the bluff while Ed + I were working on one of his sample plots.

23 Aug — One flew over bar and down bluff. No doubt of identity

Childs
1959

Circus cyaneus

May Pitmegea River, Cape Sabine, Alaska
Natives reported several sight records

12 July Pitmegea River, 7 mi SE Cape Sabine, Alaska
Flushed one in heavy wing molt from tussocks near T_{12} - 10.0.

31 July Pitmegea River, Cape Sabine, Alaska
Flushed one on low marsh

Childs
1958

Buteo lagopus

5 June Pitmegea River, Cape Sabine, Alaska
Pete saw 2 on a bluff west of Wolverine Mt.
30 June Did not see any in the above area.
3 July Saw 2 Buteos on way up river in plane probably this species.
6 July Pitmegea River, 16 miles SE Cape Sabine, Alaska
Found a nest under construction on a cliff 7 miles up the Northfork of the Pitmegea. At first I thought it was inactive until I saw the ♀ bringing nesting material to it. She was mottled grey while the ♂ was brown with the white tail.
8 July At about 4 ft. from the spot where Duck Hawks nested last year opposite the two ponds, we found a nest with 4 young. The adult ♀ and 2 young were collected. The largest and smallest young were taken. The only evidence of prey was a lagopus feather at the nest. In the stomach of the young was found Microtus remains and stomachs were very full. A third adult Rough-leg flew by to see what the commotion was all about.
13 July One seen near mt. up Northfork
16 July Young well fed at nest where we collected ♀. An untouched M. oeconomus was in the nest. Took it and young bird planning to raise it. Adult was eating young Pintail.

Childs
1958

Buteo lagopus

20 July Pitmegea River, 7 mi SE Cape Sabine, Alaska
Pete shot a ♂ of a pair which dove on him north of camp along creek. No nest seen.
21 July Pete got another ♀ a pair with 3 young, one of which fledged when he disturbed it.
25 July The 3 young left the nest when I climbed to it. 2 could fly fairly well, the third landed in the river and refused to walk out so Pete carried him ashore

Childs
1959

Buteo lagopus

23 June Pitmegea River, Cape Sabine, Alaska
A nest was found about 20' below Gyrfalcon nest of last year. ~~Cade reported eggs in~~
Both adults scolded us.

10 July Pitmegea River, 7 mi SE Cape Sabine, Alaska
A pair is resident on bluff across the river.

childs
1960

Buteo lagopus

26 May Pitmegea River, Cape Sabine, Alaska
One flew along the ridge as we unloaded the plane.

Childs 1957

Aquila chrysaetos

22 June Pitmegea River, Cape Sabine, Alaska

One was seen circling high to the west of Loon Marsh. It was being chased by two Long-tail Jaegers who harried and dove at it like songbirds, calling loudly all the time. The eagle didn't seem to care about them at all. It finally glided SE ~~toward~~ the head of the river.

22 July

There were at least three different times that we saw eagles during the trip down river, all of them above the 12 mile camp.

31 July Pitmegea River, Cape Sabine, Alaska

One came from the East near the lagoon and flew up river to the SE of us. It was ammonned and chased by jaegers on the far hill. It had comparative freedom near the river; then another pair of L.T. Jaegers took after it and chased it as far as we could see. It is an immature bird with white tail and black band. Many of the primaries were missing.

Aug. 1 Saw same bird (?) in same area going same way.

Aug. 2 made shot feather out of its wing.

10 Aug Seen flying along sh bluff in fog

Childs
1958

Aquila chrysaetos

24 Jun Pitmegea River, Cape Sabine, Alaska
Saw one on mt. behind lagoon

12 July Pitmegea River, 16 mi SE Cape Sabine, Alaska
Found a pruning on mountain upstream

13 July One seen several times near mountain 5 miles up the North fork. It was seen once on the ground as if trying to catch mice

21 July Pitmegea River, 7 mi SE Cape Sabine, Alaska
One seen several times chased by L.T. jaegers

6 Aug Pitmegea River, Cape Sabine, Alaska
One landed across the river near two loons that gave it the ha-ha.

Childs
1959

Aquila chrysaëtos

21 June Cape Thompson, Alaska
2 seen at top of cliffs. Murres abundant.
7 Aug. Pitmegea River, Cape Sabine, Alaska
One resting on post at old campsite at 0400 when Red Fox woke me.

CHILDS
1955

Haliaeetus leucocephalus

July 23 Point Barrow, Alaska

On the way back from Wainwright by plane we got a good view of an adult bald eagle circling in close to the plane. There could be no confusion as to the identity of this bird.

Childs
1958

Falco sparverius

May 18 Barrow, Alaska

An adult male was seen sitting on the wires between the lab and the power station. When it flew, the red on the tail was very evident as it flew and banked off towards the village. There is no doubt of the identity of this bird in my mind.

CHILDS
1951

Gryfalcon
Falco rusticolus

June 23 Point Barrow Alaska

One flew over marsh transect mobbed by phalaropes.

Childs 1957

Falco rusticolus

6 July Pitmegea River, Cape Sabine, Alaska

A white phase bird landed near the gulls and jaegers feeding on the caribou remains at the upper end of the bar. Merle tried to get it but it flew to the bluff. By white phase I mean grayish-white, not brown.

10 July One seen probably 3 times along coast to west on way to Thetis Creek. One was on lithosol to west of camp and took after a Pectoral Sand(?) but missed. It was then chased from area by two long-tailed Jaegers.

24 July Young bird in this nest is grey - not at all like the young duck hawks. I still haven't seen adults near the nest (see F. peregrinus).

10 Aug With the collection of an adult ♀ and a fledgling from the cliff over the nest, there can be no further doubt that the nest is that of a Gyrfalcon. The crop of the adult was full of meat and feathers of longspurs as was the crop and stomach of the juvenile which may be a partial reason for the large weight difference. I was not at all sure of the sex of these two birds as what I took to be gonads were certainly atypical. Both adults were with the young. Merle shot the adult with 22 hornet and managed not to make hamburger out of it. The juvenile I got and dropped it in the middle of the river. Got it by wading

out & my moving ¼ mile downstream
Both flew after first shot to a hill
and appeared to be sunning themselves
with drooping wings and rocked
back on their haunches.

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Childs 1958

Falco rusticolus

19 June Pitmegea River, Cape Sabine, Alaska

Gyrfalcons are nesting on same cliff as last year in the spot that the raven used. There were three white young in the nest about 5 inches long. With care one can climb to the nest. The adult (♀) acted as they did last year — staying away when we were near. After circling at a great distance (½ mile) it landed and stayed while I climbed to the nest. Ptarmigan parts were around nest and feathers on ridge above.

13 July Returned to try to weight the young birds There were 4 and they were much bigger than I thought earlier - 8-10". One was made to stay away.

13 July Pitmegea River, 16 mi SE Cape Sabine, Alaska

A pair were seen near the nest. 5 miles up the Northfork. One was almost pure white with only pencil line-like stripes at the ends of the contour feathers. Could not get close enough to shoot. Could not see the other for plumage.

22 July Pitmegea River, 7 mi SE Cape Sabine, Alaska

Pete + I walked the 6 miles down to Falcon Rock and collected the 4 young (one alive) and the ♂. All were fledged and could fly well except the live one who must be the runt.

Childs
1959

Falco rusticolus

21 June Corwin Mine, Alaska

One seen flying along the cliff.

23 June Pitmegea River, Cape Sabine, Alaska

No birds were seen at Falcon Rock. Cade reported earlier that there were 4 addled eggs in same nest spot as last year. Rough-leg pair nesting 20' below this nest.

Childs
1960

Falco rusticola

29 May Pitmegea River, Cape Sabine, Alaska

Watched 2 Long-tails give gyrfalcon the business over Loon marsh this a.m

Childs
1963

Falco rusticolus

31 July Pitmegea River, Cape Sabine, Alaska
4 seen at Falcon Rock, 2 grey and 2 white. Unable to collect any for Max Brewer or Cerritos College.

Childs
1957

Falco ~~rusticolus~~ peregrinus

20 June Pitmegea River, Cape Sabine, Alaska
A roosting and probable nest site was found in cliff 2 miles up river. One bird was seen in distance pursued by Long tail Jaeger!

24 June Cantlon could see one nestling in cliff mentioned above.

27 June Although I did not go to the nest, I could hear the young calling about 1 mile away. It sounded like a Raven. Adults not seen.

28 June Jim Drew saw both parents at nest.

29 June I finally got a fair look at these birds and there is no doubt as to identity as duck hawks. The confusion noted above about the sound was due to the fact that there is a raven's nest about 20 away. Neither parent came close during the several hours that we were in the vicinity.

10 July One seen along coast to west about 3 miles

15 July Watched an adult ♂ beat its way up river with 2 Long-tail Jaegers in pursuit. The jaegers seemed to be able to out-maneuver the hawk with ease and still badger it.

22 July 20 miles SE Cape Sabine (?) Flushed one along river cut.

23 July 16 mi " " ". Found nest about 75' up on river bluff 4 young. Collected 2. ♀ hit but not killed. 3 squirrels, several L.T. Jaegers and golden plover remains in nest. Squirrels putrid.

12 miles SE Cape Sabine. Found another nest. One young not food identified. Another young, dead, found on bluff top. ♂

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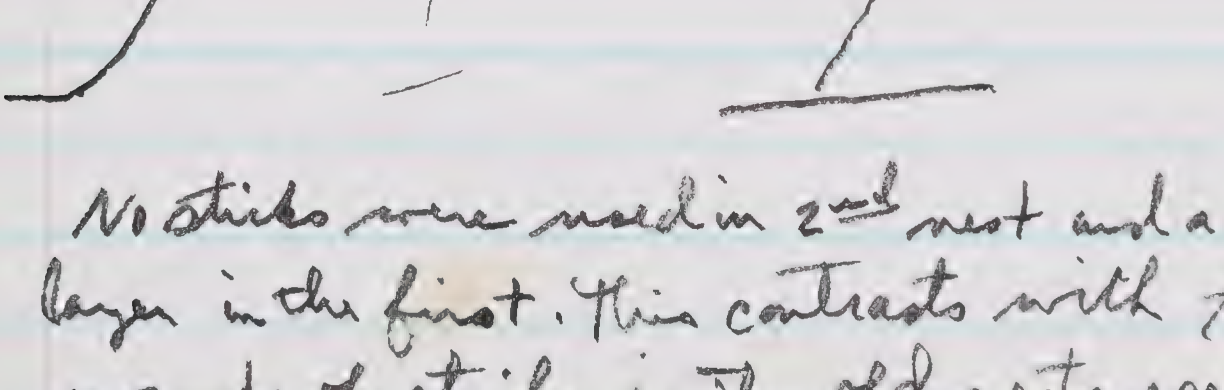
23 July Pitmegea River, 12 mi SE Cape Sabine, Alaska

wary and with a weak, pitiable voice. He made only one pass at Merle. Many good shots with 12 ga. # 2 but could not kill either adult. I have never seen birds harder to kill. This nest closer to the top than the last but it has a much smaller platform, about 1' across which may be the reason there is only one young left. The others may have rolled or been shucked out. It would have been easy for the dead young to have climbed to the top and been ignored by parents. The one young left in the nest had more down than any of the young in the first nest yet it gave the jump with feet forward which the smaller young did not do in the first nest.



No sticks were used in 2nd nest and a relatively thin layer in the first. This contrasts with the large mounds of sticks in the old nests seen at Cap A. At nest 2 adults scolded nearly all the time we were there, even when I got up in middle of the night for a P call. Both were hoarser by the time we left. After several shots all adults became very wary.

Aug. 5 – One flew down river around 1800.
Aug. 8 – One seen at the river mouth.

Childs
1957

F. peregrinus

15 Aug Pitmegea River, Cape Sabine, Alaska

Al Brock and I flushed one from the bluff along the coast near the cabin. It called as it took off and had several feathers missing from the tail.

Childs
1958

Falco peregrinus

13 June Pitmegea River, Cape Sabine, Alaska

When we saw the Rough-legs at 2200 we saw a ♂(?) chasing a longspur but he could not get it. He would climb and then dive and repeat but the prey eluded him.

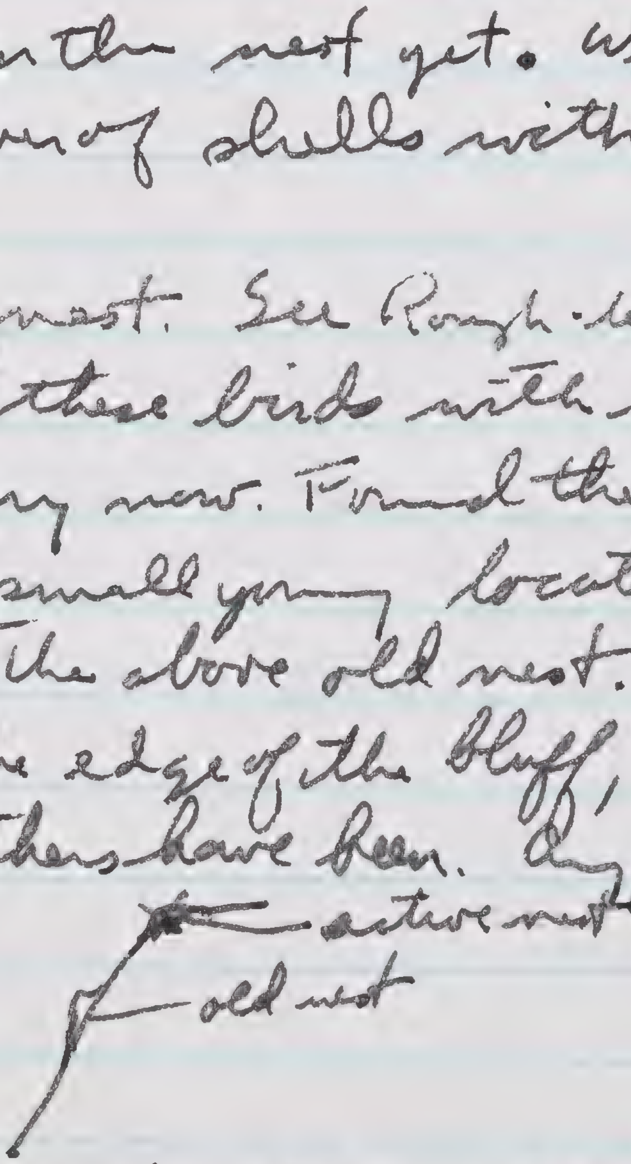
24 June One seen with molting primaries along the bluff to east of river mouth

5 July Pitmegea River, 16 miles SE Cape Sabine, Alaska

A pair is using an old nest across the river from our camp in a V-shaped canyon in the bluff overlooking the old river bed. There were no eggs in the nest yet. We wasted our usual number of shells without apparent damage.

8 July Still present at nest. See Rough-leg hawk.

9 July Tried again to shoot these birds with no success they are very wary now. Found their nest to contain 4 very small young located about 15 ft away from the above old nest. It was well hidden in the edge of the bluff, not down on the slope as others have been. Any predator could get to it.



21 July Pitmegea River, 7 mi SE Cape Sabine, Alaska

Pete shot one several miles upstream

23 July " " another one at same spot and missed a third.

Childs
1959

Falco peregrinus

22 July Meade River Coal Mine, Alaska
One flew over tundra to the NW while running T2.

Childs
1953

Falco peregrinus

24 July Barrow Alaska

Adult ♂1 seen in a.m by Holmes and by us at 1630 on poles at AACS area. Not present at 2000.

CHILDS
1951

Willow Ptarmigan
Lagopus lagopus

Aug 3 East Oumalik, 110 mi SSE Barrow, Alaska

Mayer + I flushed a covey of 10-12 of these birds while setting the trap line. Eight subsequently were collected. They have been feeding on a red berry about 1/4" in diam. and on willow leaves. All had full crops. Several age groups were taken and ~~all~~ one of each put up.

Aug 4 Several flushed again today in the same areas.

Aug 5 An adult was seen with a group of 5 half grown young birds. They appear to keep in the knee-height shrubs which line the taller willows at the stream edge. Here the shrubs are wider spaced and the berries grow upon which they are feeding.

Aug 7 I took five today while hunting for Bluethroats and waiting for the plane to arrive.

Childs 1955

Lagopus lagopus

July 5 Atkasuk, Meade River, Alaska

Found many dropping on the tundra & in the willows along the stream into town. Chuck Perrin spotted a ♀ on the nest w/9 eggs. I got within 8 inches before she flushed & put on a beautiful broken wing display.

July 6 Took pictures of the above

July 7 Chicks hatched. Father John reported another nest with chicks. Cassandra found one with 8 eggs

July 15 Wainwright, Alaska

Flushed several ♀♀ but failed to find nests.

July 18 " a covey of 2 adult ♀♀ & 1 ad ♂ with 6 chicks that could fly.

Childs
1957

Lagopus lagopus

June 10 Wainwright, Alaska
One in winter plumage seen from plane.
June 17 Pitmegea River, Cape Sabine, Alaska
Many droppings seen but no birds.
28 June Still none seen although willows up to 10' high are within 2 mi of camp.
12 July We flushed and shot our first ptarmigan today to W of Loon Marsh.
19 July Camp A. Pitmegea River mi SE Cape Sabine, Alaska
Saw several pairs and finally a flock of 8 with mixed aged young in willows
23 July Pitmegea River, 12 mi SE Cape Sabine, Alaska
Regular but in small numbers along the river. One resting under bank, flushed and flew to a bar where it stood watching us as we passed. Lucky we weren't hungry.
6 Aug Pitmegea River, Cape Sabine, Alaska
Flushed one along T7 Rock Ptarmigan?
15 Aug Brock shot one farther out in same area

7/12 2642 [illegible] 512

Childs
1958

Lagopus lagopus

6 July Pitmegea River, 16 mi SE Cape Sabine, Alaska
Several ♀ with young were flushed today. The young had about an inch of the primary sheath broken.
8 July Flushed one downstream.
13 July " " near camp that acted like a ♂
16 July Flushed 2 on way back to cache.
18 July Pitmegea River, 7 mi SE Cape Sabine, Alaska
All the inland birds have been Willow Ptarmigan according to voice differences which Pete pointed out. Shot 2 out of 3 in a flock here.
22 July Only L. mutus seen since above!
27 July Pitmegea River, Cape Sabine, Alaska
Pete saw a ♀ with young near Lagoon Mt. on trip to marmot den.

Childs
1959

Lagopus lagopus

May Pitmegea River, Cape Sabine, Alaska

Maher reported fair numbers of this species in May and a nest near east end of Owl Ridge

Childs
1958

Lagopus mutus

31 May Pitmegea River, Cape Sabine, Alaska
Several pairs were seen on Loon Marsh and West Marsh. I collected the ♀ of one and the ♂ of another pair. This should not help stamina in reproduction in this area. The female had a fully developed egg in the oviduct. The males are still white but the head feathers are molting to brown. They stand out like a sore thumb on the tundra. A search with binoculars will show several standing on mounds or large tussocks. When flushed they fly straight then up and down with a guttural croaking song.

2 June Pete shot a ♂ near the cabin that was very dirty

4 June Flushed a ♀ ~~off~~ from a nest with 9 eggs on the slope of Caribou Mt.

9 June Males still seen regularly

13 June Males seem to have moved out. They no longer are obvious, standing on tussocks.

30 June Saw a ♀ near Caribou Mt. for first time in a long while. Males gone about 15th

5 July Pitmegea River, 16 miles SE Cape Sabine, Alaska
Flushed one ♀ - no young seen.

Childs
1958

Lagopus mutus

22 July Pitmegea River, 7 mi SE Cape Sabine, Alaska

this is the common form here although the other species was taken. No young birds seen here although adults fairly common.

26 July a male taken, roasted, & eaten in the field was delicious.

Lagopus mutus

Childs
1959

May Pitmegea River, Cape Sabine, Alaska

Maher reported numbers of this species in May

5 July I was shown a nest located by Maher earlier which had ♀ sitting close on 8 eggs. She had to be moved off the nest. She puffed up + hissed and gave a cat-like call. Yesterday she flew up into Bill's face.

21 July Meade River Coal Mine, Alaska

Flushed a pair with chicks. Identified by voice

Childs
1960

Lagopus mutus

26 May Pitmegea River, Cape Sabine, Alaska
Merle saw three near Owl Ridge
30 May a pair flew along the ridge during snow storm.
31 May Flushed 1 on T_5. No sign of territoriality

Childs
1957

Grus canadensis

20 June Pitmegea River, Cape Sabine, Alaska

Eskimos shot one near river mouth and I traded 4 cans of chile con carne for it minus meat — a real bargain considering my dislike for the stuff!

4 July A flock of 3 flew over the tent giving a very soft sandpiper-like call and landed at upper end of the terrace. Merle shot at them and they flew across the river near the first bluff. We followed and finally got one ♂. It was only wounded and when Merle approached it charged him and he ran! Merle has a 22 hornet and has wasted most of the one box of shells on impossible shots or just screwing around. He hasn't much sense.

6/20 2587 87A —
7/4 2623 87 —

Childs
1958

Grus canadensis

30 May Pitmegea River, Cape Sabine, Alaska

One flew NW along coast calling about 1800.

10 Jun One flew over me + circled on Plot 1

11 Jun Flock of 6 at river mouth.

3 July 3 landed on bar and apparently were picking up gravel. Merle shot one in the leg!. at 100 ft.

Childs
1959

Grus canadensis

May Ptarmigan River, Cape Sabine, Alaska
Maher reported flights in May.

31 Aug Maher reports several records, one pair acting like they were hunting nests

Childs
1951

Black-bellied Plover
Squatarola squatarola

June 9 Point Barrow, Alaska

There was a flock of 20 out on the ice south of camp when we came in at 1730. Schiller got one at Inaru River June 3.

June 15 Saw a lone bird N of LW

July 27 There was at least one in a flock of 10± golden Plovers N of LW this evening.

Childs
1955

Squatarola squatarola

July 5 Atkasuk, Meade River, Alaska
a pair near the bluffs
July 8 Frank + I found a nest w/4 eggs.
Aug 4 Shot one of pair near salt lagoon.

Childs
1959

Squatarola squatarola

May Pitmegea River, Cape Sabine, Alaska
Maher reported them in passing in May.
28 July Barrow, Alaska
One over fresh water lake.

Childs
1951

Golden Plover
Pluvialis dominica

June 16 Point Barrow, Alaska
Frank saw a pair on LW yesterday. There was a pair, one of which Frank took near the first ridge and another pair on LE.

June 17 Pair near first ridge

June 18 Took one of pair near pipe-line

June 22 A pair on LW gave distress + broken wing act near stake 10E so it must have a nest near by.

June 28 Much more common now. A flock of 15 on marsh N of LW today. Yesterday we were in area of nest on 88 south end. Did not find it.

June 29 I got a ♀ + set of eggs near the pipe-line. We got the broken wing act.

July 2 I found nest, c=4, at S end of 88. ♀ very demonstrative

July 4 2 S of lab in a.m.

July 16 ♀ on 88 still incubating

July 19 3 downy young were banded at stake 15 on LW. The adults were with them and both put on distraction displays, one bird was very excited and the display was magnificent. The downy young are the most beautiful young shore-birds I have seen, the lemon yellow down being a very delicate shade. We came on the group in the weasel and I caught one young immediately. After looking around the

Golden Plover
Pluvialis dominica

July 19 Point Barrow, Alaska
I spotted one at my feet where it had "frozen" in a slight depression. Soon the third was found in a similar spot close by. Later a flock of 7 were seen near the trap line.

July 23 Eggs of the nest on 88 were gone when Gil checked today. Adults still in the area and acted excited as if young were in the area.

July 28 I collected a downy young S of 88

Aug. 6 East Oumalik, 110 mi SSE Barrow, Alaska
Two were seen in an old lake bed being harassed by a long tail Jaeger. Others have been heard previously calling in the distance

Aug. 20 Point Barrow, Alaska
There are many birds of the year out on the ridge these days.

Childs
1955

Pluvialis dominica

June 26 Point Barrow, Alaska

a pair seen near transect 2.

July 1 Collected a 1st year bird (1971♀).

July 5 Atkasuk, Meade River, Alaska

a pair seen close to camp.

Childs
1957

Pluvialis dominica

June 12 Wainwright, Alaska
Two seen on the marsh

June 15 Pitmegea River, Cape Sabine, Alaska
Several seen. Breeding.

27 June this is a common and obvious nesting species in this locality. about 5 pairs nesting in stream near curlews.

11 July Regular along coast on barrens or upland meadows — very apparent — scolding.

19 July Camp A. Pitmegea River, mi SE Cape Sabine, Alaska
Relatively common as it can be heard or seen almost everywhere we go.

23 July Most common bird seen or heard along the river.

Aug. 1 Only one plover heard in the distance in the marsh.

5 Aug. Flock of 10 immatures flew over tundra.

7/8 2641 ♂A 147
7/13 2644 ♂A 150

Childs
1958

Pluvialis dominica

30 May Pitmegea River, Cape Sabine, Alaska
a few seen that were relatively quiet.

31 May The few seen were very quiet. Flushed one bird that gave intense distraction display. Undoubtedly nesting.

7 June Found 2 nests w/4 today.

26 June First young seen today.

5 July Pitmegea River, 16 miles SE Cape Sabine, Alaska
The commonest and most apparent shorebird, it is present on every high, dry spot.

13 July Full grown young seen.

18 July Pitmegea River, 7 mi SE Cape Sabine, Alaska
A few seen

22 July 5 young in a flock of 6 seen

29 July Pitmegea River, Cape Sabine, Alaska
Only an occasional bird heard.

9 Aug Flock of 8 moved to the west.

Childs
1959

Pluvialis dominica

27 June Pitmegea River, Cape Sabine, Alaska

Eggs hatched in nest on BP-1 found by Mohr earlier.

28 June Saw a plover chase a Long-Tail jaeger from area where chicks were hidden.

12 July Pitmegea River, Tr. St. Cape Sabine, Alaska

Common along dry terraces.

22 July Meade River Coal Mine, Alaska

One heard across the river.

1 Aug Pitmegea River, Cape Sabine, Alaska

Only one heard in last 2 days field work

5 Aug 2 adults with young of year on ridge

Childs
1960

Pluvialis dominica

26 May Pitmegea River, Cape Sabine, Alaska
a few present.

Child
1963

Pluvialis dominica

17 June Wainwright, Alaska

Only one pair in the area

5 July Barrow, Alaska

These birds seem to be less abundant this year than formerly.

12 July Bernard River, Banks Island, NWT, Canada

Uncommon. Maher has at least one nest located.

17 July Barrow, Alaska

Nest at SE Corner of North Line Plot. First egg started to pip at 1100. It was a little farther advanced at 1900. ~~and~~ 2nd egg started at 0100 18 July and 1st ~~egg~~ chick ½ out.

18 July 0800 First chick completely out. 1130 2nd out and 3rd egg cracked open. One egg shell still in nest. Young still in nest.

31 July Pitmegea River, Cape Sabine, Alaska

adults with flying young behind camp. Not abundant here

Childs
1960

Charadrius hiaticula

27 May Pitmegea River, Cape Sabine, Alaska
One on bar opposite tent.

CHILDS
1951

SEMI-PALMATED PLOVER

Charadrius semipalmatus

July 10 Umiat, Alaska

I took one on the air strip after it had given me the broken wing act.

Aug 11 Point Barrow, Alaska

I took a juvenile bird at the edge of a puddle near Birnick.

Childs
1957

Charadrius ~~hiaticula~~ ~~mongolus~~ semipalmatus

20 June Pitmegea River, Cape Sabine, Alaska
Collected one on flat at river mouth. Found another with downy young.

29 June at least 4 with downy young seen on bar opposite Falcon Rock and another pair ½ way back to camp.

19 July Camp A - Pitmegea River, mi SE Cape Sabine, Alaska
this is a common bird and very evident by its action and calling on the gravel bars along the river. His quite agressive and challanges the trespassing of all other birds. It performs a bat-like flight which may be a territorial announcement. We have seen several with downy young.

24 July Pairs seen fairly regularly along the entire river. Within the limit of the river I would say this is the most abundant shore-bird breeding specie.

6/20 2592 [illegible]
7/13 2645 우A 46.9

Childs
1958

Charadrius ~~hiaticula~~ semipalmatus

30 May Pitmegea River, Cape Sabine, Alaska

A pair acting as if they were nesting were seen on our bar. The male (?) gave the bat-like flight & song several times

1 June not seen for 2 days. Present in every near the tent.

5 June Regular on bar. Must be nesting

9 June One at river mouth. None around camp lately.

5 July Pitmegea River, 16 miles SE Cape Sabine, Alaska

Common on the gravel bars. A pair lives on our bar. Young not seen although distraction display given on occasion. I would estimate 1-2 pairs per mile of stream

12 July collected one.

17 July Pitmegea River, 7 mi SE Cape Sabine, Alaska

A newly hatched downy young was caught. It is a very attractive little bird.

Childs
1959

Charadrius semipalmatus

25 June Pitmegea River, Cape Sabine, Alaska

One very anxious as we watched ducks on island at mouth of river.

12 July Pitmegea River, 7 mi SE Cape Sabine, Alaska

Several pairs along the river.

Childs
1958

Charadrius vociferous

6 June Pitmegea River, Cape Sabine, Alaska

A pair of these birds were seen not far from the tent on the vegetated part of the bar. I felt rediculous not being able to shoot one. Pete remarked that he had never seen a bird like that before.

2130 I shot one in front of the tent. Pete coming along other side of river flushed one I had wounded earlier. We got it on top of the ridge

CHILDS
1951

SOLITARY SANDPIPER
Tringa solitarius

July 20 Point Barrow, Alaska

One, foraging in the grass-lined pools behind the lab, flew up at 1300. It was still in the area at 1600.

July 21 I was able to collect this bird with the .38 pistol as I ran the bird trap lines. It flew up and landed in a puddle behind a pile of barrels so that I could approach it closely. Even then it was a long shot for a .38. This bird was very wary.

Childs
1958

Totanus flavipes

6 July Pitmegea River, 16 mi. SE Cape Sabine, Alaska

Shot one of a pair of Yellowlegs 1/2 mile up the northfork of the Pitmegea. It had a brood patch so must have been nesting.

13 July Collected one that flew, scolding, to me past net. on Northfork.

Totanus flavipes
is now
Tringa flavipes
per AOU 1995

Childs
1957

Actitis macularia

22 July Pitmegea River, mi SE Cape Sabine, Alaska

Collected a ♀ by catching her downy young. Apparently a northern breeding record! It was found on a broad bar at the edge of a large U shaped bend in the river where there were several old channels crossing the U plus lots of open space between the willows in the alluvium. Bird first seen when it flew up and landed on top of a willow, rather awkward for a sandpiper. Missed first shot at it and had to chase for 15 minutes or more and finally got it in place where first seen but found downy young this time. Adult gave distraction display — which didn't distract!

7/22 2671 PA

Childs 1957

Numenius ~~sp?~~ phaeopus

24 June Pitmegea River, Cape Sabine Alaska

Cantlon reported 2 pairs of curlews nesting along stream about 2 miles up river.

27 June Collected a pair of these birds at the above locality. The other pair were Pacific godwits. They were nesting in a south facing soil slippage area along stream. No others seen for ½ mi up the drainage.

10 July One seen flying NW over marsh.

24 July Pitmegea River, 7 mi SE Cape Sabine, Alaska

A pair came calling over as we stirred up the godwits.

6 Aug a curlew with a very short bill flew over Ty this morning, calling.

6/27 2612 ♀ A 440
2613 ♂ A 382

Childs
1958

Numenius hudsonicus

31 May Pitmegea River, Cape Sabine, Alaska
Pete saw a pair land on bar and then fly up river. Flushed 2 when I shot a ptarmigan in the West marsh

7 June 3 on river bluff behind camp.

26 June Pair flew over plot 1.

6 July Pitmegea River, 16 miles SE Cape Sabine, Alaska
One pair scolded us on north fork of Pitmegea among 6 godwits.

12 July One at mouth of north fork.

18 July Pitmegea River, 7 mi SE Cape Sabine, Alaska
Pete shot + lost one nearby.

9 Aug Pitmegea River, Cape Sabine, Alaska
Perhaps 6 individuals passed th this a.m.

Childs
1959

Numenius phaeopus

26 June Pitmegea River, Cape Sabine, Alaska
Mahn reported one along stream across from Falcon Road.

12 July Pitmegea River, 7 mi SE Cape Sabine, Alaska
One really gave me Hell for trespassing along first terrace ~~near stream~~.

CHILDS
1951

Bar-tailed GODWIT
Limosa lapponica

Aug. 10 Point Barrow, Alaska

Miles, one of the eskimo helpers, brought in 2 that he got at Birnick. He got 2 others that he plans to bring in to us.

Childs
1957

Limosa lapponica

27 June Pitmegea River, Cape Sabine, Alaska

A pair of these birds were seen with the godwits in stream opposite falcon nest. Shot at one and they both left. Nesting suspected but not confirmed.

3 July A pair acting like they were nesting were seen at the N end of Owl Ridge. One came within 30' of me and swallowing.

4 July The ♀ was seen at east end of the transect.

24 July Pitmegea River, 7 miles SE Cape Sabine, Alaska

Collected one of several seen on the flat near the lakes, at least 3 pairs here.

Pitmegea River, Cape Sabine, Alaska

10 Aug A flock of 14 and scattered individuals flew over headed west this afternoon.

11 Aug Flock of 4 and several individuals flew over headed west.

15 Aug Collected 2 immatures near Owl Ridge

7/24 2688 [illegible] 283
9/15 2732 [illegible] 263
33 [illegible] 242

Childs
1958

Limosa lapponica

4 June Pitmegea River, Cape Sabine, Alaska
Pete shot one pass the ridge behind Owl Ridge. It had brood patches some + have been nesting in that area.

5 June Pete saw 3 on Caribou Mt. One flew over us on bluff 2215

7 June One flew over high calling.

11 June Fairly regular calling over study area last few days.

18 June One near plot 2 — 81

27 June Active in scolding caribou near 2nd Ridge

3 July Pitmegea River, 8 miles SE Cape Sabine, Alaska
A pair scolded me after the plane left.

5 July They have not been seen or heard since

6 July Probably 5 pairs on the north fork. Six scolded me at one time. A pair of curlews also present.

7 July The gang gave us the business again today. I now doubt they are nesting but are a roving flock.

18 July Pitmegea River, 7 mi SE Cape Sabine, Alaska
Pete shot 3 + 9 one. Several others seen. No brood patches or other evidence of nesting

28 July Young of year seen in flock downstream

Childs
1959

Limosa lapponica

23 June Pitmegea River, Cape Sabine, Alaska
One on ridge scolded me as I ran trapline.

11 July Pitmegea River, 7mi SE Cape Sabine, Alaska
Several seen

12 July a pair seen with a flying juvenile.

Childs
1960

Limosa lapponica

29 May Pitmegea River, Cape Sabine, Alaska
Merle flushed a pair around T_8

CHILDS
1951

RUDDY TURNSTONE
Arenaria interpres

June 15 Point Barrow, Alaska
One seen at the point by Frank + Gil.
June 17 Some seen by Rose south of camp
June 18 One near 2 E in a.m. Tried to shoot it but it got away.
June 20 One at crossing of first ridge near pair of golden plover
June 21 Pair in same area
June 29 I took a ♂ with B.P. near the pipe-line
June 30 Gil got one in same area
July 15 Frank reported pair on mid-ridge acting like a nest was close by.
Aug. 20 Juvenile birds have been common in the last 10 days

Childs
1955

Arenaria interpres

June 26 Point Barrow, Alaska

One pair apparently nesting back of the lab.

June 29 above pair — nest found. Found another yesterday with 2 eggs

July 2 at least 3 pairs present S of ARL

Aug. 12 Collected one on the fresh-water lake

Childs
1957

arenaria interpres

27 July Pitmegea River, Cape Sabine, Alaska

Two were flushed from gravel bar when we approached. When we returned to camp there were 4 near the boat landing, one of which was collected. These are all young of the year

6/27 2689 [illegible] 94.0

Childs
1958

Ruddy Turnstone
arenaria interpres

20 May Barrow, Alaska

A single pair were seen near the dump area SW of camp. They rested in the drum area nearby but I was unable to collect them.

22 May This pair still at the dump this p.m.

2? May Wainwright, Alaska

Rausch saw some at the Whaling camps

4 June Pitmegea River, Cape Sabine, Alaska

Collected one and saw 6± more that acted as if they were nesting near the Wolverine Mt. They were active in high tussocks where caribou had chewed up the vegetation in between. Knots were found here also.

19 June 2 seen on ridge near mt. across river

27 June Was scolded by one at base of mt. behind lagoon.

30 June Did not see any in area near Wolverine Mt.

22 July Pitmegea River, 7 mi SE Cape Sabine, Alaska

I shot one but it disappeared on gravel bar.

29 July Pitmegea River, Cape Sabine, Alaska

Several flew over near camp.

9 Aug One along beach.

Childs
1959

Arenaria interpres

18 June Barrow, Alaska

Several seen near dump.

1 July Ptarmigan River, Cape Sabine, Alaska

One adult seen on bluff above camp.

5 July Several behind Wolverine Mt. obviously with nests or young.

7 Aug Immatures moving thru in small numbers.

Childs
1963

Arenaria interpres

11 July Bernard River, N.W.T., Canada

One was seen along a lake S.W of camp

CHILDS
1951

KNOT

Calidris canutus

June 29 Point Barrow, Alaska

I saw one ♂ between LE + LW on the marsh in good plumage

Childs
1955

Caladris canutus

July 31 Point Barrow, Alaska
Shot a solitary specimen on 18LW.

Childs
1957

Calidris canutus

16 July Pitmegea River, Cape Sabine, Alaska

4 were seen in a hollow out of the wind alongside the river near the cabin in company with a golden plover.

Childs
1958

Calidris canutus

4 June Pitmegea River, Cape Sabine, Alaska

While watching a Wolverine from the top of Wolverine Mt. a pair of Knots came over in a courtship display flight. It was a beautiful thing with the typical bat-like flight of shore-birds accompanied with a clear melodius song. I collected one after they separated. the second was collected ~~several~~ about 10 minutes later when it flushed, probably from the nest by its actions, from ~~[illegible]~~ grass in a flat area among the tussocks.

5 June Pete saw at least 7 past Wolverine Mt. and on Caribou Mt.

7 June Pete collected one

19 June Shot 3 and saw several more on ridge leading to mountains across river. Two gave a beautiful flight song and display.

24 June at mt. behind lagoon we were puzzled by a call which we couldnt locate for a long time. Finally found the bird to be a Knot giving a winnowing flight song very high (500±) and very difficult to see.

27 June One on 2nd Ridge.

Childs
1959

<u>Calidris</u> <u>canutus</u>

<u>25 June Pitmegea River, Cape Sabine, Alaska</u>
Maher reported one on Caribou Mt. and several earlier.

CHILDS
1951

SANDERLING

Crocethia alba

June 26 Point Barrow, Alaska
Frank found a nest on LW

June 28 ? seen at 4W on LW

Crocethia alba
is now
Calidris alba
per AOU 1998

Childs
1955

Crocethia alba

June 26 Point Barrow, Alaska

2 pairs seen in the area yesterday.

Childs
1959

Crocethia alba

May Pitmegea River, Cape Sabine, Alaska
Maher & Cade reported flight in May.

CHILDS
1951

SEMI-PALMATED SANDPIPER
Ereunetes pusillus

June 25 Point Barrow, Alaska
I found a nest in the area south of lab, clutch 4, Identity not known as yet.
June 28 Still the same.
July 3 Rose got 2 which I put up
July 6 One egg gone out of nest S ARL
July 12 Eggs hatched; one by 0900; one by 1100, and one by 1630. all were banded.
July 13 All gone from nest by 1030.
July 15 Flock of 11+ S of ARL
July 24 Banded a brood at Stake 2 LW
Aug. 7 East Oumalik, 110 mi SSE Barrow, Alaska
Several were always present in the puddles around camp. Several were taken.

Childs
1955

Eremophila pusillus

June 26 Point Barrow, Alaska
A few back of the lab.

July 5 Atkasuk, Meade River, Alaska
Several in area. Collected one.

July 19 Wainwright, Alaska
A few seen in nearby areas

Childs
1957

Ereunetes pusillus

June 11 Wainwright, Alaska
Several seen.
June 15 Pitmegea River, Cape Sabine, Alaska
"Peeps" common.
June 19 these definitely nesting. Harry stepped on one with eggs
22 June Found 4 downy young of these birds.
24 July Pitmegea River, 12 mi SE Cape Sabine, Alaska
almost no sandpipers of any kind seen to this point but from here in they became more evident.
16 Aug A small flock seen on bar opp. tent.

6/20 2584 ♂ A 24.4

Childs 1958

Ereunetes pusillus

28 May Wainwright, Alaska
2 feeding in the Village

30 May Pitmegea River, Cape Sabine, Alaska
Common. Song flights heard regularly.

1 June Watched a flight display & song which ended on the ground with peeping and strutting with tail raised. It was most odd reminding one of ~~[illegible]~~ the grouse family displays

2 June All the peeps on the tundra seem to be E. mauri. A pair of these birds is resident close to the tent along the river.

3 June Found nest. Eggs quite different in color from E. mauri. Nest in marsh at upper end of bar

17 July Pitmegea River, 16 mi SE Cape Sabine, Alaska
2 at mouth of North fork.

18 July Pitmegea River, 7 mi SE Cape Sabine, Alaska
A few seen along the river

29 July Pitmegea River, Cape Sabine, Alaska
A few along the river.

Childs
1959

Ereunetes pusilla

16 June Barrow, Alaska

A few seen near Voth area

25 June Pitmegea River, Cape Sabine, Alaska

Two taken in T, . Maher commented that this species likes wetter, flatter tundra than E. mauri.

11 July Pitmegea River, Tri St Cape Sabine, Alaska

Common. A pair seen perching on top of felt leaf willow several times.

18 July Wainwright, Alaska

Several seen. A flock of 7 adults in village.

Childs
1960

Ereunetes pusillus

28 May Pitmegea River, Cape Sabine, Alaska
First one seen this morning.

Childs
1963

Ereunetes pusillus

16 June Wainwright, Alaska
Several flight displays seen.
5 July Barrow, Alaska
a few nesting

Childs
1957

Ereunetes mauri

28 June Pitmegea River, Cape Sabine, Alaska

On examination of specimens and reading the description in Peterson I found that I have been misidentifying these birds, at least in part, as Bairds sandpipers. They are common but not as abundant as the Semipalmated Sandpipers.

10 July about 5 at Thetis Creek

Aug 8 This bird has been regular in occurrence and is the common middle-sized sandpiper in the area. Several groups were seen on the mud flats today and they appear to be moving through in migration.

6/20 ~~♂A~~ 2583 ♂A 25.5°
6/26 2611 ♀

Childs 1958

Ereunetes mauri

31 May Pitmegea River, Cape Sabine, Alaska

Several pairs seen and heard on the marsh

8 June Found nest with 4 eggs on plot 1.

10 June Took pictures of above ♀ in distraction display.

18 June Found nest on plot 2

24 June Collected one

29 June Several juveniles taken in traps around camp.

18 July Pitmegea River, 7 mi SE Cape Sabine, Alaska

a few seen feeding along the river

29 July Pitmegea River, Cape Sabine, Alaska

a few on the island.

Childs
1959

Ereunetes mauri

23 June Pitmegea River, Cape Sabine, Alaska
One caught in T_1. Several pairs are nesting in same area near beginning of T_1. Maher found a chick yesterday.

31 July Several along the river.

7 Aug 4 at beach.

Childs
1960

Ereunetes mauri

26 May Pitmegea River, Cape Sabine, Alaska
a nest w/4 eggs found today.

29 May Nest w/3 eggs

Childs
1963

Ereunetes mauri

16 June Wainwright, Alaska
Two killed in traps

CHILDS
1951

White-rumped Sandpiper
Evolia fuscicollis

June 24 Point Barrow, Alaska
Frank shot one ♀ spotted on the first ridge this afternoon.

Childs
1951

Baird Sandpiper
Erolia bairdii

June 10 Point Barrow, Alaska
We have seen them daily since arrival. While collecting on the first ridge, one was taken and a flock of 5 flew by. They appear to have a buzzing flight song

June 11 They were common between camp and the barrel dump. The ♀ I took had an egg in oviduct + 4 MT follicles — and a slight brood patch.

June 12 2030. One was seen in a song flight south of camp twice within a few minutes

June 13 The song flight was heard several times on the mid ridge and it is entirely different from that of the Pectoral Sand. The bird flies high in the air giving a ~~brrrrrr~~ note constantly, quivering its wings as if it was flying hard against the wind and then drops.

June 14 1600 Frank + I watched one in a display flight of the south end of LW in which the diameter ~~of~~ the area was at least a third of mile. It chased another that appeared to be a neighboring individual in the distance The wing beat is fast while giving a rattling call and then glides giving the breack note.

June 17 Rose found a nest, clutch of 4, on a dry ridge. Nest lined with grass, no feathers.

June 18 Both Gil + Rose checked nest today + thought it deserted

June 28 Nest behind lab has no eggs now. They were there 2 days ago

July 6 Point Barrow, Alaska.

Late this afternoon I was checking the traps in the area S of the power building when one of these started calling and giving the mousey, ruffled feather routine. She was so intent on this that I followed her. She lead me through the storage area, across the road to between the administration building & T1. At this point it (she?) stopped, unruffled its feathers changed to its regular call note instead of the whimpering whine and flew back towards its area. It must have taken me 1000 ft.

July 7 Found a nest (c=4) S of Power Building, undoubtedly the bird mentioned above.

July 12 Eggs still in nest

July 15 3 young hatched at 1400, one still wet, one out of nest. Banded all 3. (48-139318-320) got a nest trap & caught ♀ within 2 minutes after setting. The adult came within 3 ft. of me while banding the young. At 1630 the egg had started to crack. A small white egg ~~tooth~~ was seen on the tips of the bill of the hatched birds. Another bird, prob. ♂ was in the area, excited. Banded 4th young at 1900. It was still wet and the egg was still in the nest. Anus appeared ruptured. (allantois?)

Baird Sandpiper

July 20 Point Barrow, Alaska
Three families of young have been banded S of lab, one today. One bird, unbanded, was seen undergoing the post-juvenile molt.

July 25 Jil & I banded 4 different broods along the ridge north of LW this afternoon.

Aug. 20 This species is still present in reduced numbers.

Childs
1955

Erolia bairdii

June 26 Point Barrow, Alaska
Flock of 6 S of lab.
~~June 29 Found nest on bio plot 2 - 4 eggs; 4' from longspur nest.~~
~~July 1 Found nest w/4 eggs near trans 3.~~
July 5 Atkasuk, Meade River, Alaska
Several seen & heard - obviously breeding.
July 15 Wainwright, Alaska
A few present.
July 25 Point Barrow, Alaska
A brood of 4 just hatched chicks with adults near AAC&S building at 2200.
July 31 A chick brought in by Hurley.

Childs
1957

Erolia bairdii

20 June Pitmegea River, Cape Sabine, Alaska
Collected one across river. Nesting. Peeps hard to identify.

28 June This is probably E. mauri.

Childs
1958

Erolia bairdii

24 June Pitmegea River, Cape Sabine, Alaska

Collected one (2903) the first of this species seen in the area at the bottom of the mountain to the east of the lagoon.

Childs
1959

Erolia bairdii

May Pitmega River, Cape Sabine, Alaska
Reported by Cade.

Childs
1963

<u>Erolia bairdii</u>

<u>28 June Barrow, Alaska</u>

a nest by the ACS building was collected by the Streblings from Anchorage

CHILDS
1951

Pectoral Sandpiper
Evolia melanotos

June 13 Point Barrow, Alaska
These birds have been here for almost a week and are now displaying. The song flight is unlike the Baird. The ♂ flies low over the ground giving a hooting note with the throat area expanded. It may then fly up and glide further up + then down thus
6 were asleep on Elson Transect in the am
June 14 Heard one give hooting call north of LW about 1400.
June 16 Several groups of 3-5 were present on LE in the a.m. They do not seem to be settled there. One displayed south of the area giving hooting call.
June 28 Within the last week these birds have been the most numerous charadriiforme besides the phalarope. Many groups of 4-6 birds seen + many pairs.
July 10 Umiat, 400 ft., Alaska
this was the common sandpiper in the area.
Point Barrow, Alaska
July 13 We took 2 downy young
July 15 2 back of lab. Frank saw flock of 15 near LW
July 17 2 large flocks of these birds on LE
July 20 One lone bird collected S of lab.
Aug. 20 Relatively abundant in last 10 days

Childs
1955

Erolia melanotos

June 26 Point Barrow, Alaska

a few heard hooting in the area.

July 1 Abundant in the area. Found nest w/4 eggs near T_{6}^{3}

June 29 found nest w/4 eggs on log near longspur nest.

July 5 Atkasuk, Meade River, alaska

a female seen. Not abundant.

July 15 Wainwright, alaska

a few present. Nesting.

July 23 This is by far the most common sandpiper present here. As many as 6 chicks were caught in snap traps & none of other species, Bairdi ~~and~~ alpina and pusillus ~~were there~~. were here only in very reduced numbers.

Childs
1959

Erolia melanotos

16 June Barrow, Alaska
Pairing apparently is just underway. Males still predominate in the north area

24 June Pitmegea River, Cape Sabine, Alaska
Seems scarcer than in past years. Maher has found nests.

5 July ♀ seen distracting.

11 July Pitmegea River, 7 mi E Cape Sabine, Alaska
Chicks taken in traps. Only ♀♀ around.

18 July Wainwright, Alaska
2 juv. taken in T4. a.m.

31 July Pitmegea River, Cape Sabine, Alaska
Only young of year present in small numbers.

1 Aug One flew against tent this a.m.

7 Aug Immatures seen along river.

Childs
1960

Erolia melanotos

27 May Pitmegea River, Cape Sabine, Alaska
Heard a ♂ hooting from tent but have not seen any yet.

28 May Hooting heard.

Childs
1963

Erolia melanotos

16 June Wainwright, Alaska
Hooting flight song heard and seen regularly.
29 June Barrow, Alaska
a flock of 30-40 were seen on Beach Ridge at 2130 while Jay + I pulled in lines 5+6.
5 July Found nest c 4 eggs in p.m. after snow. Eggs were warm.
12 July Bernard River, Banks Island, NWT, Canada
Mullen collected a ♀.
20 July Barrow, Alaska
♀'s with young rather abundant.

Childs
1951

Red-backed Sandpiper
Erolia alpina

June 10 Point Barrow, Alaska
We have seen them daily since arrival. One flew over Elson Transect this afternoon.

June 12 Several seen on the transect (Elson) in the morning.

June 13 Same

June 28 They have been constantly present in small numbers on LE & LW.

June 29 I found a nest at north end of LW between O & 1E.

July 3 Banded 4 downy young in nest S of LE 20 yds

July 4 Thompson reported 4 downy young SW camp.

July 15 Several in back of lab — may have nest.

July 24 Banded 2 broods along the ridge this afternoon, all appearing about the same age except for one whose young could almost fly

Aug 20 Only a few still present.

Childs
1955

Erolia alpina

June 26 Point Barrow, Alaska
a few near transect 2.
June 30 Collected a molting bird (♂) 1968).
July 1 found nest w/4 eggs
July 15 Wainwright, Alaska
Caught a chick in a trap. Several adults seen

Childs
1957

Erolia alpina

June 11 Wainwright, Alaska
Several pairs with displaying males seen.
June 15 Pitmegea River Cape Sabine, Alaska
a pair seen W of river.
20 June One collected
28 June Several seen
16 Aug There have been a few of these moving through in the last 10 days in winter plumage

6/20 2559 ♀A 62.0

Childs 1958

Erolia alpina

31 May Pitmegea River, Cape Sabine, Alaska

Several pairs seen on the marsh.

2 June Not many of these are present this year

29 July Pitmegea River, Cape Sabine, Alaska

a flock of 5 on the island moved west.

Aug 3 a immature with a downy head was flushed with an adult on West, Marsh.

Childs
1959

Erolia alpina

16 June Barrow, Alaska

Fairly common over the exposed tundra

17 June Oliktok Point, Alaska

One seen near the site.

24 June Pitmegea River, Cape Sabine, Alaska

Very few around this year.

5 July Several males seen attempting to lead us off. Chicks probably around.

17 July Wainwright, Alaska

One heard over marsh.

Childs
1960

Erolia alpina

25 May Barrow, Alaska
a pair seen near ♀ as well.

Childs
1963

Erolia alpina

16 June Wainwright, Alaska

The most common sandpiper here. Males seen commonly in flight song.

5 July Barrow, Alaska

Fair numbers around.

CHILDS
1951

BUFF-BREASTED SANDPIPER

Tryngites subruficollis

June 15 Point Barrow, Alaska
One seen at the point by Frank + Gil

June 18 Frank saw a pair on LW. I collected one near pipe line in p.m.

June 26 I collected one on the first ridge and there were several others in the area

Aug 10 I collected 3, all juveniles, today. They are regular in occurrence on the ridge.

Aug 18 There was one in the Calhoun line snap traps.

Childs
1955

Tryngites subruficollis

Aug 13 Point Barrow, Alaska
McNab got 1 out of a flock of 4 Two seen [See McNab notes].

~~Buff-breasted Sandpiper Upland Plover?~~

Childs
1958

#2984 ?

Tryngites subruficollis

17 July Pitmegea River, 12 mi SE Cape Sabine, Alaska

Shot an unknown sandpiper on the upland meadow Terraces near the two lakes. It was a very quiet bird which I thought was a juvenile Pectoral Sandpiper at first. ♂

Childs
1959

~~[illegible]~~
Tryngites subruficollis

6 Aug Pitmegea River, Cape Sabine, Alaska
One flew in along stream opposite the tent.

CHILDS
1951

Dowitcher
Limnodromus griseus

June 16 Point Barrow, Alaska

A pair was seen at the south end of Elson Transect. One was asleep with its head between its wings

June 17 Frank took 2 on the marsh.

June 22 a.m. one alone on marsh. a flock of 6 over LW and 9 across fresh water lake

June 27 4 birds on LE

Aug 11 these birds came in yesterday in large numbers.

Aug. 20 Flocks of 15-25 are common, making these the most common shore-bird present now.

Child
1955

Limnodromus griseus

July 10 Atkasuk, Meade River, Alaska

I collected one ♂ in the marshy area SW of the coal mine. It acted as if it were nesting. In flight it appeared to be mobbed by Northern Phalaropes. No others seen.

Aug. 14 McNab reported 2 this morning.

Aug 16 One in pool near fresh water lake.

Aug 20 4 on fresh water lake. McNab reported morning at Half-moon 3.

Childs
1957

Limnodromus griseus

June 15 Pitmegea River, Cape Sabine, Alaska
One flushed and incorrectly identified as a snipe.

June 18 A pair seen twice in flight at north end of Loon Marsh.

June 19 Flushed ♀ from same area twice near loon nest

20 June Collected 2 and saw 6-10 more definitely nesting in polygon area across river.

30 June A pair obviously nesting across river near ponds.

3 July Several pairs upset at our setting out transects $T_5 + T_6$ at N end of Loon Marsh.

10 July Perhaps a dozen seen on way to and at Thetis Creek. They are much tamer now as the young must be out by now.

24 July Pitmegea River, 12 miles SE Cape Sabine, Alaska
Several seen in sedge-floating peat bog near lakes. None further inland.

15 Aug Pitmegea River, Cape Sabine, Alaska
Although the resident birds had moved out during mid-July, there are now a few immatures present near T_7 & T_8.

6/20 2582 ♂ A 107.2 g
2588 ♂ A 126.8
8/15 2734 ♂ Tm 108.0

Childs
1958

Limnodromus scolopaceus

30 May Pitmegea River, Cape Sabine, Alaska
Pete saw several on the marsh.
1 June Flushed one on plot 2
5 June Although several are present in the area, I do not believe there are as many as last year.
11 June A couple along creek near T_5-T_6
19 June Very definitely scarcer than last year.
21 June One acting like it had a nest up river from our bar.
22 June Found a newly hatched young and collected it.
6 July Pitmegea River, 16 miles SE Cape Sabine, Alaska
Saw one on the north fork both young and coming in the same spot.
18 July Pitmegea River, 7 mi SE Cape Sabine, Alaska
Flushed one on marsh.
9 Aug Pitmegea River Cape Sabine, Alaska
A flock of 4 seen flying and one flushed from coon marsh. First seen in some time.

Childs 1959

Limnodromus scolopaceus

26 June ~~Pitmegea River, Cape Sabine, Alaska~~

Few seen this year. A pair scolded me at east end of loon marsh.

1 July Several pairs anxious around T_7 + T_8

12 July Pitmegia River, 7 mi SE Cape Sabine, Alaska

Several seen on marsh.

Childs
1960

<u>Limnodromus</u>

<u>27 May Pitmegea River, Cape Sabine, Alaska</u>
Flushed a pair on loon marsh.

Childs
1963

Limnodromus

16 June Wainwright, Alaska

Flushed one near trapline # 3. No others seen.

CHILDS
1951

WILSON SNIPE
Capella delicata

July 9 Umiat, Alaska

We heard one give a peculiar flight song in the evening, apparently it gives a hooting, screech owl-like note with its wings high up in the air

July 10 I took a ♂, apparently it jumped off the nest & gave broken wing act. The plumage was very dark from the oil smoke from a fire nearby.

Childs

Capella ~~delicata~~ gallinago

1958
10 Aug Pitmegea River, Cape Sabine, Alaska

I flushed a snipe from a puddle while running T_2 this a.m.

Childs
1959

Capella delicata

20 June Pitmegea River, Cape Sabine, Alaska
One flew over ridge - winnowing.
23 June One seen in winnowing flight over marsh on north side of the river towards Falcon Rock
11 July Pitmegea River, 7 mi SE Cape Sabine, Alaska
A bird heard and seen winnowing in high flight several times today.

Childs
1960

Capella delicata

28 May Petmegea River, Cape Sabine, Alaska
Flight song heard several times over the tundra.

CHILES
1951

Northern Phalarope
Lobipes lobatus

June 16 Point Barrow, Alaska
Frank saw one fly over LW.
June 18 a pair stopped momentarily on LW
June 19 Gib + I got 3 on the marsh
June 22 One on the marsh
June 28 Saw at least 2 on the north end of marsh. They have been uncommon but regular on the marsh
July 10 UMIAT, 400 ft., Alaska
I took a ♂, the only one seen, on a slough as it flew up in alarm.
July 15 Point Barrow, Alaska
One on the marsh near LW

✓

Childs
1955

Lobipes lobatus

June 28 Point Barrow, Alaska
One on the fresh water lake.

July 10 Atkasuk, Meade River, Alaska
About 10 individuals in marsh S W of Coal mine. Acted like they were nesting. They mobbed a Dowitcher in flight.

Childs
1957

Lobipes lobatus

June 11 Wainwright, Alaska
One ♀ seen at NE edge of village.

20 June Pitmegea River, Cape Sabine, Alaska
Collected one. Saw another on loon marsh.

27 June One seen across from gyrfalcon nest.

29 June Several seen in carex marsh along the river. This is obviously the breeding phalarope of this area

30 June One resting on pond towards river mouth across river

19 July Camp A. Pitmegea River, mi SE Cape Sabine, Alaska
One seen being chased by Semi-palmated Plover near camp.

24 July Pitmegea River, 12 mi SE Cape Sabine, Alaska
One seen on sedge-floating peat bog.

Aug. 5 Pitmegea River, Cape Sabine, Alaska
Flocks of up to 10 moving through now. 6 on river feeding on Mayflies.

16 Aug Occasional individuals seen on tundra

6/20 ♀A 2595

Childs 1958

Lobipes lobatus

7 June Pitmegea River, Cape Sabine, Alaska

One seemed nervous (nesting?) at S end of bird plot 1.

9 June a ♀ seen on ponds near river mouth.

30 June One scolded near plot 1-8E. Seen several times in that area

3 July Pitmegea River, 16 miles SE Cape Sabine, Alaska

One ♀ seen several times today

6 July ♂ seen on same pond as above ♀.

8 July about 10 on ponds downstream.

13 July One seen up the North fork

18 July Pitmegea River, 7 mi SE Cape Sabine, Alaska

A few seen near ponds

Childs
1959

Lobipes lobatus

26 June Pitmegea River, Cape Sabine, Alaska
Maher reported 14 on pond near Falcon Rock.
I have seen none on Loon Marsh as yet.
12 July Pitmegea River, 7 mi SE Cape Sabine, Alaska
a few on ponds here.
1 Aug Pitmegea River, Cape Sabine, Alaska
One along T_2 near ponds

Childs
1955

Phalaropus fulicarius

June 26 Point Barrow, Alaska
A few around but no where near as abundant as in 1951.
June 30 Found 2 nests with 4 eggs near Vott area
July 1 Found nest w/4 eggs near T_3; another near ~~dump~~ dumps along Salt Lagoon.
July 5 Atkasuk, Meade River, Alaska
A few seen in the area. Some obviously nesting.
July 15 Wainwright, Alaska
A few ♂♂♀ near the village but not in high polygon area.
Aug 6 Many hundreds close in shore on the way to the village. This is the first noticable movement of them this season
Aug. 13 Same. Eskimo kids getting them with sling shots in good numbers.

Childs
1957

Phalaropus fulicarius

June 11 Wainwright, Alaska

Several pairs seen. Not common.

June 17 Pitmegea River, Cape Sabine, Alaska

A ♀ seen on Loon Marsh.

20 June collected one ♀

7 July Definitely breeding in ponds across river near river mouth. at least 2 ♂♂ scolding

Aug 1 ♂ seen with fledling ~~in pond~~ in census plot #2.

0/20 2590 57A 4258

Childs 1958

Phalaropus fulicarius

26 May Wainwright, Alaska

Two flocks of 10-15 birds each were seen 10 miles offshore at the whaling camps.

31 May Pitmegea River, Cape Sabine, Alaska

3 flew over river.

1 June Flushed one on plot 2

2 June Several in flight over West Marsh

4 June Pete saw 20-30 at river mouth

I saw a ♂ on pond near Owl Ridge

9 June Fairly abundant along shore at coast

17 June about 50 at the sand spit

18 July Pitmegea River, 7 mi SE Cape Sabine, Alaska

4 ♂ seen near ponds in marsh puddle.

9 Aug Pitmegea River, Cape Sabine, Alaska

Several among other [illegible]

Childs
1959

Phalaropus fulicarius

16 June Barrow, Alaska

a few seen

17 June Oliktok Point, Alaska

Very common — pairs seen in every pool near landing strip. Pairs circle counter-clockwise & each other.

9 July Pitmegea River, Cape Sabine, Alaska

Two flew over us near 'One Mile Ridge.

18 July Wainwright, Alaska

3 adults seen on pond in marsh among arctophila.

Childs
1960

Phalaropus fulicarius

26 May Pitmegea River, Cape Sabine, Alaska
4 flew over headed north.
31 May Several seen on ponds lately

Childs
1963

Phalaropus fulicarius

16 June Wainwright, Alaska

Common. Several nests found c̄ full clutches; one c̄ 3 eggs.

5 July Barrow, Alaska

Collected 5 for Dick Holmes & check stomach contents after the snow.

11 July Bernard River, Banks Island, N.W.T., Canada

One ♂ flew over lakes SW of camp.

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